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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 19, 2001, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Chinese Office Action that was mailed on April 2, 2004 with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. CN 00804588.7, in which the Chinese Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-298862, which was published on October 29, 1999, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,507,346 to OTERA, which issued on January 14, 2003;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,534,934, which issued on July 9, 1996. Applicant notes that this document was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no copy is being provided herewith; and

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The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Chinese Examiner applying Chinese rules to the Chinese claims are set forth in the Chinese Search Report.

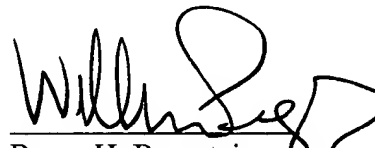
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the newly cited document and U.S. Patent family member is attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, and an English Language translation are also enclosed. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has issued in the present application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a Chinese Office Action mailed on April 2, 2004, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. CN00804588.7, not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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